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Ovid MEDLINE® offers many advanced search options and hidden treasures. Check out this document for more information!

MEDLINE is a database for advanced professional users. Ovid is a precision platform that offers researchers full control of their searching. The following are highlights of the implementation, features and functionality of MEDLINE on Ovid, that offer major value and advantages to research institutions and their users. In many instances these values are unique to Ovid.

The Advanced Search guides the user through the controlled vocabulary by mapping the search word to the right MeSH term. E.g. a search on High blood pressure will find the MeSH term for Hypertension.

Narrower Terms and Subheadings can be automatically included, MeSH terms can also be individually selected or combined in the tree view, as seen in this example.

For Keyword searching there are many truncation and wildcard options. For example, a search for dog* finds records with dog or dogs, not dogma or dogmatic. A search for p?ediatric finds records with spelling variations.

Adjacency is also much appreciated by expert searchers. Example: the search (randomi#ed adj3 trial).ti,ab. retrieves records that contain the words randomized (including spelling variations) and trial with up to 2 words in between, in titles and abstracts. The search results will include records with randomised trial, randomized clinical trial, randomized controlled clinical trial, as well as many other options.
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There are no limitations on the amount of search words included. **Searches can be edited** live or saved for later use. When removing one or more sets from the Search History, a warning is given if more sets will be affected. The remaining sets are automatically re-numbered. This makes it easy to edit the Search History live.

An unlimited number of **Saved Searches and Auto Alerts** can be setup under My Workspace. Simply sit back and automatically retrieve new results for your searches via e-mail or RSS feeds!

**Exporting** is easy on Ovid. Several formats are available, including Microsoft Word or Excel, Adobe PDF, XML, RIS, and many more. You may choose to export the citation information, the complete Reference, or even your own individual selection of custom fields.

**The Ovid platform is customizable.** If there are certain limitations in the default Ovid settings for your account, e.g. AutoAlerts, Export, Stopwords, or Deduplication, please contact support@ovid.com to adjust the settings.

You can subscribe to several third-party databases via Ovid (e.e. Embase, APA PsycInfo, etc). You can search them in a similar way, using the same syntax. This saves time and minimizes the need for training. You can **search across several databases** on Ovid at the same time. You can also remove duplicates from the results.

Ovid MEDLINE® includes the same **Subject Subsets Filters** as PubMed. Due to popular demand from expert searchers, Ovid has included both the newest, alongside the previous (Pre 2019) limit for Systematic Reviews. [http://tools.ovid.com/ovidtools/expertsearches.html#pubmedsubsets](http://tools.ovid.com/ovidtools/expertsearches.html#pubmedsubsets)

You may also use the unique **Special Ovid Filters**, created by Ovid experts. The filters are available for both Ovid MEDLINE® and Embase. We provide the full transcript of each search filter in the Ovid MEDLINE® Database Field Guide: [http://ospguides.ovid.com/OSPguides/medline.htm#limits](http://ospguides.ovid.com/OSPguides/medline.htm#limits)

**Ovid MEDLINE® is 100% equivalent in content to PubMed.** Ovid MEDLINE® is updated daily with a 1-day delay, and 2 days on Monday compared to PubMed. Ovid MEDLINE® supports links to free and subscribed full text.

There are many more advantages that make experienced searchers select Ovid as their number one platform of choice. Ovid searches are often referenced in the supplemental data of scientific articles. For more details on Ovid MEDLINE® advantages, please see our page: [http://tools.ovid.com/ovidtools/medline.html](http://tools.ovid.com/ovidtools/medline.html)